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LAST WEEK

CASH COLLECTION
GIFT AID: £88.00
LOOSE: £379.71
TERMINAL COLLECTION
£433.00
STANDING ORDERS FOR OCTOBER
£3877.00

ATTENDANCE
312

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NOVEMBER – DEDICATED TO THE HOLY SOULS

✠ HOLY MASS FOR THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ✠
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SATURDAY 7th November
6.00pm Vigil Mass — St. Anthony Communications Members

SUNDAY 8th November
32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
9.00am Sung Mass — Norman Watson RIP
11.00am Sung Mass — Dead of the Two World Wars

MONDAY 9th November
DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA
11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30am Holy Mass — People of the Parish

TUESDAY 10th November
SAINT LEO the GREAT
6:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm Holy Mass
John, Bridget and Bernadette Murphy and ancestors RIP

WEDNESDAY 11th November
SAINT MARTIN of TOURS
8:00am Holy Mass — Saul Carvajal RIP

THURSDAY 12th November
SAINT JOSEPHAT
No Public Mass Today

FRIDAY 13th November *(FRIDAY ABSTINENCE)*
SAINT FRANCES CABRINI
10:00am Queen Elizabeth College Mass
11:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12.30pm Holy Mass — Tony Kiely RIP (Anni)

SATURDAY 14th November
OUR LADY's SATURDAY
6.00pm Vigil Mass — Michael Hannaway RIP

SUNDAY 15th November
33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
9.00am Sung Mass — Rose Murphy RIP
11.00am Sung Mass — John Farren RIP (Anni)

Confessions Saturdays at 10.00am – 10.30am and 5pm - 5.30pm.
After weekday Mass – please sit by the confessional.

Spiritual Thought

Today, at the 11am Mass we will call to mind the dead of the two world wars, and the dead of subsequent conflicts. We mark this, according to tradition, with the two minutes silence.

The Two Minutes Silence is an amazing tradition – we gather, and for two minutes we stand in silence. The quality of this silence is profound. But what are we to do with this block of time – we are not Buddhists using the silence to escape our thoughts, nor Quakers, sitting waiting for the movement of the Spirit. We are instructed to remember the fallen. The silence is the silence of remembering.

Now, for a culture which hates silence and tries to fill every possible second with sound and distraction we can find these minutes hard, embarrassing almost. For a culture which hates death and tries to anesthetize and cosset it away as far as possible, these minutes remembering the fallen dead can be very strange. And especially for a culture which values self-preservation and self-fulfillment to the expense even of an other's happiness, these minutes can be rending.

We are instructed to remember – to face the fact that for us to be free others to died, some even volunteered themselves. For me to live my free life today, other people, before me, sacrificed their own lives. This should lead me to a great interior gratitude. A gratitude which breaks me out of my egotism and self-centeredness. A gratitude which opens my eyes to the many sacrifices, and many types of sacrifice which have brought me to this moment.

In a perfect world, in a world without original sin, where we still dwell in the garden of Eden in the presence of God, there would be no war. But in a fallen world, in a world where strong men want to remove freedom and God-given rights, to dominate others – sadly, very reluctantly the only way to remain free as God made us, is to defend what has been given.

Our prayer then is for peace, that God humble all hearts, turn all hearts to the good of their brothers and sisters. Do we pray for those strong men? Do we ask God to visit them with his gift of humility and gentleness? Our pray can also be that courage and strength be given when it is needed.

Greenwich Catholic Men's Group

An open invitation to all the men of the parish. An opening meeting of the Greenwich Catholic Men's Group will be held at the presbytery at 8am, with coffee, on Saturday 21st November. Please feel free to bring ideas and resources of how the group might develop and serve you better.

A Day with Mary

The Day with Mary is coming to our own parish on Saturday 28th November. It is a day of prayer in the spirit of the revelations of Our Lady of Fatima. More information about the day will be shared later.

Second Collection This Sunday

Thank you for your generous support of the Archdiocese of Southwark. Your support enables us to continue our mission to lead people to the Lord Jesus Christ and to proclaim his saving Gospel to the whole of creation (Mark 16:15).

Your support enables vital pastoral, charitable, and evangelising work across the Archdiocese, bringing hope and practical assistance to those most in need. Together, we have: Nurtured the faith of children and young people in our parishes, schools, and universities. Reached out to those most in need through social action. Cared for our sick and retired priests, while supporting new vocations to the priesthood.

This Second Collection will be made this weekend at the church doors, and at the on-line terminals.

Holy Souls Lists

As we enter November, the month of the Holy Souls, please do fill in a Holy Souls list, of all those you know who have died. We will pray for these at every Mass.

Please place your list in the box near Our Lady. Please do not include any money with your list – if you'd like to have a Mass offered for someone, or for all the Holy Souls, please fill in a Mass offering envelope and put it in the post box by the baptistry.

Thank You from Maggie

A thousand thank you notes go out from Maggie this weekend to everyone who donated and/or helped in any way with her retirement gatherings last weekend. She was delighted with it all. Maggie had her procedure last Friday morning at St Thomas's Hospital and was well enough to receive visitors that evening. We send her our prayers and best wishes for continued progress.

A Prayer to Memorize in November

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen

Church Flower Arranging

With Maggie's retirement we have lost our church flower arranger. If there is anyone who feels they might have those skills, perhaps be willing to learn, and to give a little time each month, particularly at Christmas and Easter, please feel free to contact Fr Tom.

Deanery and Diocesan Mass for Deceased Clergy

On Tuesday 10th November at 12noon at Christchurch, Eltham, will be celebrated the Mass for the deceased clergy of the Greenwich Deanery.

On Thursday 12th November, at 12:30pm, at St. George's Cathderal, will be celebrated the Mass for the deceased clergy of the diocese.

All are welcome at both these holy Masses.